

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

October 24, 1967

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LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

MEETING HELD IN NEW ORLEANS

OCTOBER 24, 1967

The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Monday and Tuesday, October 23 and 24, 1967.

Monday's meeting consisted of conferences with Division Chiefs and the preparation of the agenda for the Tuesday meeting.

The public meeting was held on Tuesday, October 24, 1967, at 10:00 A.M., in Room 226, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Building, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Members present at both meetings were:

Jimmie Thompson, Chairman
H. B. Fairchild, Vice-Chairman
Jerry G. Jones
John Edwin Kyle, Jr.
Hobson Norris
H. Clay Wright

ABSENT: NONE

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Chairman Thompson who stated that the first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the meetings of August 22 and 23, 1967.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Norris, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the meetings of August 22 and 23, 1967 were dispensed with and approved as previously submitted to the Commission.

Chairman Thompson called Dr. Lyle St. Amant to the floor to explain the next item on the agenda.

Dr. St. Amant said the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission received an application for a permit from South Louisiana Contractors to dredge for sand and/or fill material in the vicinity of M.P. 100, Atchafalaya Basin Main Channel. He said the application has been examined and found that the company is a bona fide corporation operating in the State of Louisiana. He further explained that since this Company's application meets all of the requirements set forth by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, he therefore recommended that this permit be granted.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is in receipt of an application for a permit from South Louisiana Contractors of Lafayette, Louisiana, to dredge for sand and/or fill material in the vicinity of M. P. 100, Atchafalaya Basin Main Channel, and

WHEREAS, the application has been examined and found to meet all requirements set forth by the Commission.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to South Louisiana Contractors of Lafayette, Louisiana, to dredge for sand and/or fill material in the vicinity of M. P. 100, Atchafalaya Basin Main Channel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Dr. St. Amant explained he had two resolutions proposed for the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission's approval concerning the dumping of waste material in the Gulf of Mexico. Several companies have made application to the U. S. Corps of Engineers to dump material in the Gulf of Mexico, near the mouth of the Mississippi River.

Dr. St. Amant said that we have been requested to comment on this situation; however, apparently there is not enough information supplied to the Commission on the matter with which to comment on. As a result, Dr. St. Amant suggested that a general resolution and a specific resolution be submitted. He also added that it was not clear as to which agency was the responsible authority.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Gulf Coast Chemical Company, of Yazoo City, Mississippi, has applied to the U. S. Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, for a permit to dispose of a great amount of their gypsum by-product in the northern Gulf of Mexico in approximately ten fathoms of water in an area approximately fifteen miles south of the mainland lying south of Petit Bois and Horn Islands, Mississippi, and

WHEREAS, this disposal of material would result in a direct loss of natural bottom and associated marine organisms where deposited and

possibly would result in other losses of additional natural bottoms by movement of this material by the currents, and

WHEREAS, the unknown possible effects, both chemically and physically, could exert immediate and long term damages upon marine resources.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission hereby oppose the granting of this permit, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution and any action taken by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission in this matter be furnished to the District Engineer, U. S. Army, Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, Prior to October 27, 1967.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, there is an increasing demand by industry, some of which is far removed from the Gulf area, to request permission to use the Gulf of Mexico as a dumping area for waste materials, and

WHEREAS, permission is frequently being requested to dump a wide variety of materials which vary from chemically inert to extremely toxic in nature, and

WHEREAS, the volume of materials involved, in some cases, may reach levels of several million tons annually, and

WHEREAS, nothing is presently known of the immediate or long range effects of such waste disposal on the fisheries of the Gulf area, and

WHEREAS, it is not clear as to the source of authority, the setting of regulations, and the area of government responsibility for determining, if, when or where, any such materials may be disposed of in the Gulf of Mexico.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries hereby opposes the random and indiscriminate dumping of waste materials in the Gulf of Mexico until a thorough study of this matter has been made by the appropriate federal and state agencies,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that those agencies now in part responsible for the issuing of permits for such dumping consider a reevaluation of the problem with the intent of determining proper ways and means of regulating and policing the dumping of waste materials in Gulf waters,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be directed to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U. S. Coast Guard, the U. S. Department of the Interior, U. S. Public Health Service, and the Louisiana State Board of Health.

Chairman Thompson then called on Mr. Richard Yancey for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Yancey explained that the Commission received a letter from Senator J. C. Gilbert, along with a copy of the Catahoula Parish Police Jury's resolution proposing the enlargement of the existing Saline Bayou Cut-Off Channel, near Larto Lake which is located on the Saline Wildlife Management Area. The widening and deepening of the channel will permit small boat navigation at low water stages and save 8 miles of distance for boats traveling between Larto and Saline Lakes. This proposal is being made by the Catahoula Parish Police Jury and will be carried out and financed by the Louisiana Department of Public Works; however, after installation, future maintenance of this project will be financed by the Catahoula Parish Police Jury in accordance with their resolution which was adopted on October 2, 1967. Mr. Yancey requested that the Commission grant

approval to the Louisiana Department of Public Works for this construction, since it is to be located on Commission owned property, provided the contractor understands that the carrying of guns or hunting by the contractor's employees can be done only in accordance with the regulations of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

Chairman Thompson added that since Senator J. C. Gilbert was so helpful in aiding the progress of this project, he suggested that the channel be named "Gilbert's Ditch".

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Catahoula Parish Police Jury adopted a resolution on October 2, 1967, to request the Louisiana Department of Public Works to prepare plans and specifications, furnish the engineering supervision and award a contract in the name of the Louisiana Department of Public Works and at their expense for improving and enlarging the Saline Bayou Cut-Off Channel connecting Saline Lake and Larto Lake, located on the Saline Wildlife Management Area, Catahoula Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, this construction will provide better boating access for sport and commercial fishermen using the waterway between Larto and Saline Lakes with water levels at pool stage in this region.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Louisiana Department of Public Works to enlarge and improve the Saline Bayou Cut-Off Canal on the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission owned Saline Wildlife Management Area, located in lower Catahoula Parish. This permission is granted provided the Louisiana Department of Public Works agrees that in notifying the contractor on the project that they will be working on a wildlife management area and that

the carrying of guns or hunting by their personnel can be done only in accordance with the regulations of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Yancey continued by saying that on October 19, 1967, the Louisiana Division of Administration received the bids for the construction of the Monroe Fish Hatchery and District II Office Building, located in Monroe, Louisiana. Mr. Yancey explained that Mr. William Baker, of Baker-Mathys Associates, the architect for the project recommends the awarding of the contract to the low bidder Durwood Clark of West Monroe, Louisiana, in the amount of \$205,719.00. Mr. Yancey said that upon Mr. Baker's recommendation, it is requested that the Commission approve the issuance of a contract to the low bidder through the Division of Administration, with the work to be supervised by Baker-Mathys Associates.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, on February 19, 1967, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission's District II Monroe Office was destroyed by fire, caused by lightening, and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 1967, the Louisiana Division of Administration did advertise for bids for the construction of a new Fish Hatchery and District II headquarter building receiving a total of seven bids on the job.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant approval to the Louisiana Division of Administration to issue a contract to the low bidder,

Durwood Clark of West Monroe, Louisiana, in the amount of \$205,719.00 for the construction of a new Fish Hatchery and District II Monroe Office Building, upon the recommendation of Mr. William Baker, of Baker-Mathys Associates, the architect for the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Yancey explained that on December 1, 1966, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission purchased approximately 12,600 acres, more or less, of land located in lower Concordia Parish, bordering the Red River and Cocodrie Bayou. Mr. Yancey said the Commission would like to establish a headquarters facility on this land and recommended the approval of construction of same with Baker-Mathys Associates being the architects for the project. Their fees will be the usual 6 percent of the cost of the project.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Jones, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, on December 1, 1966, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission purchased 12,600 acres of land in lower Concordia Parish for the purpose of establishing a Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission would like to establish a headquarter facility on this property, known as the Red River Wildlife Management Area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant approval to Baker-Mathys Associates, Winnsboro, La., a reputable architect concern, to prepare the plans and specifications for the construction of the Commission facilities to be located on the Red River Wildlife

Management Area. The Baker-Mathys Associates fee shall be 6 percent of the cost of the construction of this project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Yancey also stated that the Louisiana Department of Public Works received bids on October 23, 1967, for the construction of a levee and control structure around a 500 acre portion of the Saline Game Management Area. Mr. Yancey explained that the Louisiana Department of Public Works, upon Commission request, had prepared the plans and specifications for this work and for which a total of eleven bids were received. He then recommended that the Commission grant approval for the issuance of a contract to Morrison Engineering Company of New Roads, the low bidder, in the amount of \$33,965.00 for the construction of this project.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Jones, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission did request the Louisiana Department of Public Works to prepare plans and specifications for the construction of a green tree waterfowl management area, located on the Saline Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Public Works, upon Commission request, did advertise for bids on October 23, 1967, for which they received a total of eleven bids on same.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Department of Public Works to issue a contract to Morrison Engineering Company of New Roads, Louisiana, the low bidder, in the amount of \$33,965.00 for

the construction of a levee and control structure around a portion of the Saline Wildlife Management Area, in LaSalle and Catahoula Parishes, for waterfowl management purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Yancey also said the Commission had received a request from the Rapides Parish Wildlife Association for the construction of a dam at French Fork. He said that the Commission has also received letters, mainly from LaSalle Parish where French Fork is located, opposing this construction. Since the duck season is to open on November 18th, a decision needs to be made now on this project.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission received requests for and against the construction of a low-level control dam on French Fork of Old River, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Director to make a study of all aspects of this matter and use his discretion as to the installation of constructing the dam.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Thompson explained that since he is more familiar with the area than most people at the meeting, he too would recommend the construction of the dam at French Fork. In fact, he and Representative Munson agree that they would be willing to contribute \$1,000.00 towards the construction of this project.

Chairman Thompson then called on Mr. Joe Herring for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Herring said the Commission received requests from private individuals and wildlife clubs as well as Commission personnel that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission prohibit the use of tractors, tractor wheel trucks, and power wagons on State owned and operated wildlife management areas for transportation purposes. He explained that this type of vehicle destroys the roads causing considerable expense to the Commission for repairs. Mr. Herring then recommended that the Commission adopt a resolution prohibiting the use of such vehicles, except by permission of the Commission.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, with the use of heavy power vehicles on the State owned and operated wildlife management areas, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is constantly having to repair the roads due to damage which prohibits the use of same by normal types of vehicles.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby prohibit the use of tractors, tractor wheel trucks and power wagons on all State operated wildlife management areas for transportation purposes, except by permission of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director is hereby authorized and empowered to enforce the above order.

Mr. Herring then stated that the Louisiana Department of Public Works has notified the Commission of the tabulation of bids received on the construction of the Mermentau River Boat Launching Ramp, Wharves and parking area, located in Grand Cheniere, Louisiana. Mr. Herring

explained that a total of five bids were received on October 9, 1967, with Patin's Concrete Works, of Lafayette, Louisiana, being the low bidder in the amount of \$14,824.34. He stated that the Louisiana Department of Public Works has certified that this company is a reputable one and recommends that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission accept this bid, by the issuance of a contract from the Louisiana Department of Public Works.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission previously requested the Louisiana Department of Public Works to advertise for bids on the construction of a boat launching ramp, wharves and parking area, on the Mermentau River, located in Grand Cheniere, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, for which a total of five bids were received.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Department of Public Works to issue a contract to Patin's Concrete Works of Lafayette, Louisiana, the low bidder, in the amount of \$14,824.34 for the construction of the Mermentau River Boat Launching Ramp, Wharves and Parking Area, located in Grand Cheniere, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring continued by stating that the Louisiana Department of Public Works has also notified the Commission of the completion of the contract with Kingston Construction Company, Inc. for making improvements to the existing boat launching ramp on Bayou Benoit, St. Martin Parish, La. and recommended that same be accepted.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed Contract No. 5867, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and Kingston Construction Company, Inc., Contractor, for the making of improvements to the existing boat launching ramp on Bayou Benoit, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana and has recommended that the same be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by Kingston Construction Company, Inc., Contractor under Contract No. 5867, with said Commission, dated June 28, 1967, be and is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution in the Mortgage records of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

Mr. Herring stated that recently the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission had requested the Louisiana Department of Public Works to prepare plans and specifications for the construction of the Lake Bistineau Boat Launching Ramp, Parking Area, and Timber Pier. Mr. Herring said the Commission has been notified of the completion of this work, with the estimated cost of the project being \$17,183.25 and recommended that the Commission give approval to request the Louisiana Department of Public Works to advertise for bids on this work.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Public Works have completed the proposed plans, specifications and cost estimate on the construction of a boat launching ramp, parking area and timber pier on Lake Bistineau.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Department of Public Works to advertise for bids on the construction of the Lake Bistineau Boat Launching Ramp, Parking Area and Timber Pier, in Bienville Parish, Louisiana, and forward a copy of the tabulation of bids to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission for further approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring then said that he had discussed, with personnel of the Mississippi Game and Fish Commission, the possibility of Louisiana and Mississippi entering into a joint agreement for the purpose of making a 27 or 28 minute movie on deer. He explained the proposal is to shoot footage in each state, as many scenes can be adaptable for educational purposes from either state. He stated that by combining the efforts of each state a movie can be made for a little under half the price of what it would cost either state to venture into this program alone. Mr. Herring explained that he met with Mr. C. B. McSween of the Mississippi Game and Fish Commission and Mr. Bob Addington, President of the Motion Picture Productions from Dallas, Texas, to discuss this matter. Mr. Herring explained that normally a movie would cost approximately \$1,000.00 per running minute on contract; however, with each state, Mississippi and Louisiana,

sharing the cost it would be half of the price. Each state would also receive six finished copies of the film with option to purchase, at any time, other prints of this movie.

Mr. Kyle motioned that the Commission accept this proposal provided it would be financed by funds other than the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission's regular fiscal budget.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, representatives of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission met with representatives of the Mississippi Game and Fish Commission and the Motion Picture Productions of Dallas, Texas to discuss the possibility of producing a film for educational purposes depicting such scenes as deer, deer hunting, certain types of research, browse conditions and other phases of wildlife conservation, and

WHEREAS, it was discovered that if Louisiana and Mississippi entered into a joint agreement for the production of such film, the cost for each state would be half the price.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve and grant permission to enter into a contract with the Motion Picture Productions of Dallas, Texas, on a cost sharing basis with the Mississippi Game and Fish Commission. This film is to run for 27 or 28 minutes, at the cost of \$1,000.00 per running minute; therefore, the cost for the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission shall be about \$14,000.00, with the total cost of the movie being about \$27,000.00. Each state, Louisiana and Mississippi, shall receive six (6) copies of the finished film with an option to purchase, at any time, other prints of the movie.

Finances for the production of this movie are to come from funds other than the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission's regular fiscal budget

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring then said that the Commission had received a request from the Shell Oil Company to conduct seismograph surveys across the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area. Mr. Herring explained that this proposal had been examined and found to be feasible provided certain terms and conditions are agreed to in the permit.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Shell Oil Company to conduct seismograph surveys across the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area, more particularly described as Sections 11, 14, 13, 23, 24, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, and Section 13 (East of Boeuf River), Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, T-18-N, R-5-E.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this permit is hereby granted to the Shell Oil Company provided they adhere to the following terms and conditions as set forth in the agreement:

1. Seismograph operations will not be conducted during the hunting season.
2. The Shell Oil Company will pay for all timber or surface damages caused by operations of their crews or other designated crews.
3. All road damages will be paid for or repaired by the Shell Oil Company.
4. Seismograph crews will notify the Russell Sage supervisor two days prior to any seismograph operations. Should

information be needed pertaining to this matter, you may contact Mr. Cliff Williams, Supervisor, District II, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, P. O. Box 4004, Ouachita Station, Monroe, Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring also explained they have found that on several of the wildlife management areas in the state, sportsmen are attempting to bait areas for deer prior to the opening of the season. He explained that this is not a good practice as it is a show of poor sportsmanship trying to entice these animals into one area using corn or other types of bait. It would also cause some problems where one hunter has been baiting an area and someone else would, at the same time, take this same area for his stand. Mr. Herring stated that baiting would also have tendencies to attract turkeys which are stocked on our areas and probably cause some outlawing of these birds which we are trying to get established on all of the Commission operated wildlife management areas; therefore, he recommended that the Commission adopt a resolution prohibiting the baiting of any game species on Commission operated areas.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, on several of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission's operated wildlife management areas, sportsmen have attempted to bait areas prior to the opening of deer season, and

WHEREAS, if a private individual should bait a certain area, problems arise where one hunter might also take his stand on the same area, and

WHEREAS, baiting an area would also have tendencies to attract turkeys stocked in one area to another, thereby causing some outbreeding of these birds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby prohibit the baiting of any species of game animal on all Commission owned and operated wildlife management areas.

Mr. Herring continued by stating that the Commission recently received a request from the Louisiana Department of Highways for a reimbursement of work to be done on the Muddy Bayou Road, on the Saline Wildlife Management Area, LaSalle Parish, Louisiana. Mr. Herring said that a reimbursement for the estimated cost of material is \$13,228.35 and upon completion of the project any necessary adjustments will be made based on the actual cost of the material. Mr. Herring explained that it was upon the request of the Commission that the Louisiana Department of Highways are conducting this project.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission had previously requested the Louisiana Department of Highways to construct a road on the Muddy Bayou, Saline Wildlife Management Area, LaSalle Parish, Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant approval to reimburse the Louisiana Department of Highways for the work done on the Muddy Bayou Road, Saline Wildlife Management Area, LaSalle Parish, Louisiana, for which the estimated cost of material is \$13,228.35. Upon completion of the project any necessary adjustments will be made based on the actual cost of the material.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring said the Rapides Parish Police Jury have presented the Commission with a resolution requesting that the Commission build a bridge on the Saline Bayou on the west side, thereby giving better access to those people living on the west side of the Bayou in Rapides Parish. Mr. Herring explained that last year the Commission approved, at a cost of some four thousand dollars, the improvement and construction of the Sandy Bayou Road to accomplish this same purpose. The Sandy Bayou Road has been completed and it connects Highway 28 and the Big Ridge Road (91). The reason for improvement for the Sandy Bayou Road was so that a person living on the West side of Saline Bayou in Rapides Parish would have access into the Saline Wildlife Management Area for hunting and fishing purposes. Mr. Herring recommended that the Commission not, at this time, construct the bridge requested due to cost and access, at this point, is not needed as badly as it is in other areas.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission received a resolution, dated September 12, 1967, from the Rapides Parish Police Jury requesting the construction of a bridge across the Saline Bayou, located on the west side of the Saline Wildlife Management Area, thereby affording better access to the management area by connecting the Big Ridge Road to the Muddy Bayou Road, and

WHEREAS, in 1966 the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission approved, at a cost of approximately four thousand dollars, the

improvement and construction of the Sandy Bayou Road, which would accomplish this same purpose and the Sandy Bayou Road has been completed connecting Highway 28 to the Big Ridge Road.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby deny the request of the Rapides Parish Police Jury in asking the Commission to construct a bridge on the west side of the Saline Wildlife Management Area.

Chairman Thompson then called on Mr. Allan Ensminger for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Ensminger explained that the Commission received a request from Cities Service Oil Company for permission to dredge an access Canal on the Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area. This would provide access to their proposed drilling site located on State Lease 2938, Well No. 6. Mr. Ensminger stated this proposal had been examined and found to be feasible provided the Cities Service Oil Company would agree to certain terms and conditions which would be binding upon them.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Cities Service Oil Company to dredge an access canal on the Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area to their proposed drilling site on State Lease 2938, Well No. 6. Permission is hereby granted provided the Cities Service Oil Company adheres to certain terms and conditions as stipulated in the agreement, which shall be binding upon said company, for the benefit and protection of the interest of wildlife and fisheries in the area and for the prevention of pollution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Ensminger continued by stating that the Commission received a request from the Pan American Petroleum Corporation for permission to install a pipeline gathering system to service wells located on state leases on the Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge. This system would transport minerals off the Marsh Island Refuge through an 8 - 5/8 inch pipeline. Mr. Ensminger said a careful review of this proposal had been made by Commission personnel and it had been found that the work proposed could be approved by the Commission provided the Pan American Petroleum Corporation agreed to certain terms and conditions which would be binding upon them.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Pan American Petroleum Corporation to install a pipeline gathering system servicing wells located on state leases located on the Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge, in turn transporting minerals off of the island through an 8 - 5/8 inch pipeline. Permission is hereby granted provided the Pan American Petroleum Corporation adheres to certain terms and conditions as stipulated in the agreement which shall be binding upon them. Said terms and conditions shall be made for the benefit and protection of wildlife and fisheries in the vicinity and also for the prevention of pollution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Thompson then called Dr. Ted Ford to the floor to explain to the Commission the proposed oyster season for Calcasieu Lake.

Dr. Ford explained that on October 12, 1967, he examined the natural reefs in Calcasieu Lake and, particularly, West Cove. The only substantial live reefs located were those in the West Cove area. Dr. Ford stated that he and several of the local citizens, fishermen, and Commission personnel were present during this examination. Later that afternoon, they met with a group of local fishermen and other interested parties to discuss the possibility of an open season for fishing oysters in this area. Dr. Ford explained the concensus of this meeting was that the group preferred an oyster season, even though the legal harvest would be considerably under that experienced in recent years. Dr. Ford then recommended that the Commission adopt a resolution opening the oyster season on Calcasieu Lake, including the West Cove area, with certain rules and regulations to be adopted as well.

Mr. A. J. Buquet requested the floor on the matter. Mr. Buquet stated that at that time, he as a member of the Oyster Industry, would like to know if the Commission's personnel are the ones recommending such limitations. Dr. Ford said they were, but at the request of the local people and in view of the limited production. Mr. Buquet then said that he could not understand the reasoning on the matter, but could realize the fact that the enforcement of the regulations would be very difficult.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, on October 12, 1967, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission personnel conducted a survey on Calcasieu Lake and, particularly, the West Cove area, and

WHEREAS, at 2:00 P.M., on October 12, 1967, a meeting was held with a group of local fishermen and other interested parties of the area to discuss the possibility of opening an oyster season on Calcasieu Lake and the West Cove area, even though the legal harvest would be considerably under that experienced in recent years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby declare the oyster season open on Calcasieu Lake, including the West Cove area, but excluding the Calcasieu River and Ship Channel, the East Fork, West Fork, and Oyster Bayou. This season shall be fixed to extend from November 15, 1967, through March 31, 1968.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following rules and regulations shall apply to this season, with such power and authority being granted to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission under Sections 56:421, 56:456 and the penalty provision described under Section 56:460:

1. Fishing shall be limited to daylight hours only.
2. Fishing shall be limited to the use of tongs only with a daily catch limit as follows:
 - A. 1 fisherman and 1 boat -- 10 bushels.
 - B. 2 fishermen per boat -- 15 bushels.
 - C. 1 - 1/2 bushels shall equal 1 sack of oysters.
3. The 3 inch culling law will be followed and the culls will be scattered carefully around the perimeter of the oyster reef to provide an expansion of the reef.
4. The taking of oysters for home consumption shall be limited to 3 bushels (equivalent to 2 sacks) per boat per day.

Chairman Thompson then complimented the Commission personnel as well as other individuals who contributed to the success of the recent convention of the Southeastern Association of Game and Fish Commissioners, held in New Orleans during the past month. He said he received numerous correspondence commending the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission in hosting the convention.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, on motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the meeting was adjourned.

Leslie L. Glasgow
Director